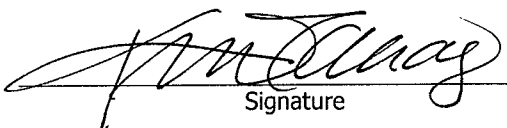


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<p>Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.</p> <p>This request is being filed with a notice of appeal</p> <p>The review is requested for the reasons(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).</p> <p>Note: No more than five (5) pages may be provided.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am an attorney or agent of record.</p> <p>Registration number 47,121</p>			
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Sir:

Pursuant to the Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Pilot Program, and further to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated October 26, 2007, Applicant files this Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review. This Request is also accompanied by the filing of a Notice of Appeal.

Applicant turns now to the rejections at issue: (1) claims 4 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Wakamatsu et al. (US 4,667,814); (2) claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Wakamatsu et al.; (3) claims 4 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Yamada et al. (US 5,143,763); (4) claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yamada et al. (US 5,143,763); (5) claims 10, 12, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Wakamatsu et al. (US 4,667,814) in view of Biebuyck et al. (US 5,734,225); and (6) claims 10, 12 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C.

§103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yamada et al. in view of Biebuyck et al. (US 5,734,225) for the reasons of record.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections for the following reasons.

Independent claim 4 is directed to a member for an electroluminescent device comprising a container which is made of a porous material and a non-porous material and a removing agent capable of removing a prescribed gaseous component, the removing agent being contained in said container, wherein said container is made of two sheets joined together at their peripheries, one of said two sheets being a porous sheet, and the other being a non-porous sheet; said porous sheet is an air-permeable laminate sheet comprising a porous layer and a reinforcing layer; and said reinforcing layer is nonwoven fabric.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. In addition, for anticipation, the *identical invention* must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim. See MPEP §2131.

Wakamatsu discloses an oxygen absorbent packet comprising a plastic container (2), an adhesive (8) to seal (2) and (6), which is an air-permeable nonwoven sheet. See Fig. 2 and col. 2, lines 43-45. Specifically, Wakamatsu discloses that the plastic container (2) has a *molded cup-like shape*. See col. 2, lines 30 and Fig. 2. In contrast, claim 4 recites that the "container is made of two sheets joined together at their peripheries where one of said two sheets being a porous sheet and the other being a non-porous sheet" (underlining added). Since Wakamatsu discloses a cup-like container, which is not a porous sheet, Wakamatsu does not disclose a container made of two sheets joined together at their peripheries, as recited in claim 4.

Hence, Wakamatsu does not anticipate claim 4 since it does not each and every element of the claim 4.

Yamada discloses containers comprising an oxygen scavenger laminate (see abstract), and Figure 1 shows an oxygen absorber layer (7), a non-woven fabric layer (6), a porous membrane (3), a non-porous layer (2), and a laminate layer (8) having gas barrier properties. See col. 16, lines 28-35. The Examiner asserts that layer 8 of Yamada correspond to the non-porous sheet of claim 4 and layers 6 and 3 of Yamada corresponds to the porous sheet of claim 4.

However, in Yamada, the oxygen absorbent composition layer 7 is present between layers 8 and layer 6, and thus, layers 8 and 6 are not "joined together at their peripheries", as recited in claim 4. Thus, Yamada does not disclose the container of claim 4, particularly since it relates to a sheet having a laminated structure. Further, since Yamada does not disclose a container, it does not disclose a removing agent being contained in the container, as recited in claim 4.

Hence, Yamada also does not anticipate claim 4 since it does not each and every element of the claim.

Further, claims 13 and 15 depend from claim 4, and thus, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 4 over Wakamatsu or Yamada.

Turning to the obviousness rejections, independent claim 10 is directed to an electroluminescent device having a member comprising a container which is made of a porous material and a non-porous material and a removing agent capable of removing a prescribed gaseous component, the removing agent being contained in said container, wherein said container is made of two sheets joined together at their peripheries, one of said two sheets

being a porous sheet, and the other being a non-porous sheet; said porous sheet is an air-permeable laminate sheet comprising a porous layer and a reinforcing layer; and said reinforcing layer is nonwoven fabric.

Since claim 10 recites the same limitations as claim 4, it is respectfully submitted that claim 10 is patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 4. Specifically, claim 10 recites that the container is made of two sheets joined together at their peripheries where one of said two sheets being a porous sheet and the other being a non-porous sheet. Since Wakamatsu discloses a cup-like container, which is not a porous sheet, Wakamatsu does not disclose a container made of two sheets joined together, where one sheet is a non-porous sheet.

In addition, claim 10 recites "a container" and "said container is made of two sheets joined together at their peripheries". Yamada, as discussed above does not disclose a "container" as claimed. In addition, claim 10 recites "the removing agent being contained in said container". Since Yamada discloses that the layer 7 contains an oxygen absorbent in the resin and since Yamada does not disclose a container, Yamada fails to disclose a removing agent contained in a container, as claimed.

Further, the secondary references do not make up for the deficiencies of Wakamatsu and Yamada.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established since the cited references fail to teach or suggest every element of claim 10.

In addition, claims 12 and 17 depend from claim 10, and thus, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 10 over the cited art.


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For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4, 10, 12, 13, 15, and 17 are patentable over the cited art.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Panel to withdraw the foregoing rejections.

Respectfully submitted,



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